

Remarks

Claims 1-63 are presently pending in the application.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejection of claims 1-47 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-33 of copending Application No. 09/976,195. Enclosed herewith is a Terminal Disclaimer to overcome this rejection.

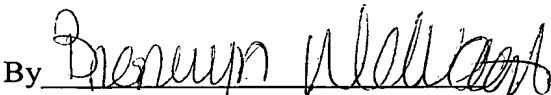


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In view of the foregoing remarks, Claims 1-63 are believed to be in condition for allowance. Therefore, allowance of claims 1-63 is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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